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Applicant: Mahaffy et al

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Title: A Point-of-Sale Commercial Transaction Processing System Using Artificial

Intelligence Assisted by Human Intervention

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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated October 3, 2002. As no claims have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any additional fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 41, without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 20, 21, 23-26, 29, 30 and 32-40, as follows:

20. (rewritten) A method of processing a commercial transaction, comprising:

a) providing an interactive terminal;